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Selectmen OK Collecting Fines or Seizing Unlicensed Dogs

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The number of unlicensed dogs in Hampstead stands at 207, according to Town Clerk Patricia Curran, and the Board of Selectmen was asked Monday night to sign the warrant authorizing the town's Dog Officer, Sheila Johannesen, to seize those dogs whose owners, having received forfeiture letters, have not contacted the Town Clerk to pay their fine and license their dog.

Persons who no longer own a listed dog were asked to contact the clerk to take the dog off the rolls.

Dogs must be licensed by April 30 each year and to be licensed, they must be currently vaccinated for rabies. By June 20, the Town Clerk must submit a list of

unlicensed dogs to the Board of Selectmen, with notices of forfeiture sent to the unlicensed dog owners, and the board then signs a warrant authorizing the dog officer to collect the fines for the unlicensed dogs or to seize the dogs until their owners pay the fine and licensing fee. An accounting of the dog officer's efforts is due at the end of August.

Selectmen Chair Sean Murphy said he was surprised there were still more than 200 dogs unlicensed, but the other selectmen noted this number was an improvement over past years. The selectmen signed the warrant.

In other business at the Monday, June 25, meeting:

- The board discussed a request from the Cemetery Trustees for re-allocation of funds in order to purchase a

new mower. The board saw some financial leeway in the Highway budget but was reminded that it must find \$17,000 in the budget for a generator for Town Hall, as well as finding money to pre-pay the new Fire Department tanker, leaving another \$10,000 for a mower not as easily doable as first thought.

Selectwoman Priscilla Lindquist said she thought a less expensive mower might be available to do the job, and also said it might be wiser to wait until next budget period and put it in that budget.

The board asked Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen Sally Theriault to send out a Request for Purchase. The board will look at what the mower would cost when the bids come in,

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Timberlane Soccer Jamboree a Hit, Scholarships Awarded

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – The Timberlane Youth Soccer League (TYSL) finished out the season with a bang during its first annual Jamboree. The event was held at the Ed Garvey Recreation Center fields and saw the kids playing out their last games of the season Saturday, June 16, playing in a bouncy house and bouncy slide/obstacle course, eating cupcakes and just having fun with their friends from soccer.

President of TYSL Kara Johnston spearheaded the event.

The organization also took time during the event to award its two annual

scholarships. The program began in 2011, giving out \$500 scholarships. To be considered, the applicant must live within the Timberlane district, have played with TYSL for at least three years and either they or their parents had to have volunteered within the organization.

This year Gregory Stockman of Sandown and Peter Leondires of Atkinson received the scholarships.

Stockman began with TYSL when he was 4 years old and played many seasons before moving on to competitive soccer. He excelled academically at Timberlane Regional High School, was a member of the Spanish, Math and Science Honor Societies as well

as the National Honor Society, and participated in band and orchestra.

Leondires also began playing soccer with TYSL at a young age, playing for many seasons before returning this spring as an assistant coach for the U14/16 division. Leondires also excelled academically in Timberlane, earning a position in the French, Math and Science Honor Societies as well as the National Honor Society.

Both will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass., in the fall. They have long been friends, and though they didn't plan to attend the same college, it wasn't surprising, said their mother,

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CARRYING OUT BARGAINS There were plenty of goods to go around at the annual Chester Boy Scout Yard Sale last weekend at Wason Pond, where tents were spilling over with items collected by local Boy Scouts for the big fund raiser. Pictured, Brendan Morrison, front, and Mandy and Spencer Grindrod carry out some chairs for one of the many shoppers Saturday morning. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Selectmen Reverse Decision, Encumber Cemetery Funds

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – Following a majority decision to withhold approval for an asked for encumbrance, Village Cemetery Trustees Mark Sanborn and Geoff Barnett met with the board of selectmen on June 21 to argue for the money.

The impetus, in part, behind the denial came by way of an apparent overage

in the trustees' budget, but Sanborn and Barnett explained how that overage was the result of accounting practice rather than actual overspending on their part.

At the selectmen's June 14 meeting selectman Jack Cannon was the most vocal against the encumbrance, chastising the trustees for overspending their salary line by 16 percent. That's the single most controllable line in their budget and they

failed to keep it in check, said Cannon.

Chair Steph Landau argued unsuccessfully for the approximately \$1,200 encumbrance at that time. The plan was to combine the encumbrance with next year's funding to purchase an approximately \$3,600 mower.

Sanborn explained that part of that money went to fixing the Village Ceme-

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Oleson Apologizes for Accusation Made to Weider

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – Selectman Mike Weider took exception to road agent Mike Oleson's assertions during a previous meeting that he had not signed any of his bills, and at the board's June 21 meeting, gave an accounting of how many bills he had signed.

As previously reported by the Tri-Town Times, the

accusation came during a disagreement at a selectmen's meeting between the two about how roadwork should be done in town.

After Weider took issue with road agents who build their personal businesses with town work, and Oleson said such was not the case with him - that he was doing his best to do work efficiently and at the lowest price possible - Oleson said Weider was against any-

thing he did, and claimed he had not signed any of his bills in two years. Weider denied the accusation, and Oleson said he would be a liar if he said he had not done so.

Since then, Weider said that according to his own research of invoices for Oleson's MLM Construction, he signed 32 of 59 submitted. The ones that were not signed, he said, were because he was on vacation,

had a question with the bill, or the requisite number of selectmen signatures had already been obtained.

Weider added that he was often the first signature on the bills.

Though clearing his name of Oleson's accusations, Weider added that he is not a fan of road agents using their companies to do town work without first putting that work out to bid.

Contacted after the meeting, Oleson said he had done his own research into the billing. After looking over the bills, Oleson retracted his statement that Weider had not signed any of his bills in the last two years. He apologized for coming out of his professional mode in the heat of the moment, adding that he was feeling defensive because of accusations that he was building his company

on the town's dollar, something he vehemently disagrees with.

Oleson added that he was referring only to road agent bills, as that was the discussion at hand.

According to Oleson's research, in 23 months, Weider has signed 11 of 23 road agent bills. In the last year, he said, Weider has signed four of 11 bills, but none in the last five months.

Fried Dough-nation Brings in Money to Food Pantry

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – Through the efforts of Ed Mencis and assorted volunteers, \$743

was raised for the Sandown Food Pantry on Sunday, June 24. Mencis set up his Chubb's Fries and Dough cart at the Sandown Train Depot to catch passersby

looking for some fried food and a chance to help out their town, and was very successful at it.

It's the second time Chubb's has been stationed at the Depot in support of the food pantry. Last time around the community donated about \$800.

Selectman Tom Tombarello donated his cooking skills and jokes to the effort and together with Mencis, spent the better part of Sun-

day frying.

"It was a good day, all in all," said Tombarello. "But a lot of work."

Also helping out was selectman Brenda Copp. She hailed drivers to stop and eat and set out a donation bucket for a new plan proposed by director of public works Artie Genuello to install American flags on Main Street.

Mencis had praise for both volunteers, and said it

was a fun time, despite the heat from the fryers on the sunny day.

"It's a good experience for the town," said Mencis, praising the community for their support.

Many just dropped off \$5 or \$10 without getting food, a testament to Sandown's community spirit.

An anonymous donor stopped and gave \$200 to the cause.

In addition to the pub-

lic, Tombarello had nothing but praise for Mencis, and his donation of food, paper goods and time. "He goes above and beyond. He's great for the town," said Tombarello.

Mencis makes the round of community events and fairs with Chubb's, and while it's a money-making enterprise for him most of the time, he regularly donates his work to charity.



Selectmen Brenda Copp and Tom Tombarello flank Ed Mencis as they take a break from a busy Sunday frying dough and fries and raising money for the Sandown Food Pantry.

Courtesy photo

Local Man Found Guilty on 26 Counts of Child Pornography

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Robert Letoile, 41, of Hampstead was found guilty on 26 charges of possessing child pornography on Friday, June 15, in Rockingham Superior Court.

He was found guilty of having pornographic material on his home computer

from 2006 through 2008. The alternative counts of attempted possession of child pornography were dismissed.

Letoile was initially arrested by Hampstead Police in June 2010 on charges of molestation of two underage girls; in October 2010, he was indicted in Rockingham Superior Court on the multiple counts of posses-

sion of child pornography and multiple counts of attempted possession of child pornography.

A jury trial found Letoile not guilty of sexually abusing the older of the two girls, and subsequently prosecutors dropped the sexual assault charges against Letoile for the younger girl.

The defense tried to have the possession of pornography charges dis-

missed, claiming as a judge threw out the evidence, a second search warrant to examine Letoile's computer would not be legal, but he was indicted by a grand jury in Rockingham Superior Court on eight counts of child pornography in March 2012. A jury heard the case starting Wednesday, June 13, in Rockingham Superior Court.

Sentencing of Letoile will take place at a later date.

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Mosquito Control on Schedule for Busy Season

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – Though it seems like it's been raining steadily in recent weeks, because of the drought, New Hampshire ended the winter as an average year for the amount of water available for mosquito breeding. Sarah MacGregor of Dragon Mosquito Control, which runs Sandown's mosquito control and monitoring program, said her crews' efforts at treating wetlands, catch basins and other breeding sites has been going according to schedule this year, but starting in July, they'll

begin capturing the insects and having them tested for disease.

The rain this year has been fairly localized, and while some towns in which Dragon is working are flooding, others are dry. But even if property is seemingly dry, there are likely plenty of areas where mosquitoes can breed.

MacGregor regularly reminds homeowners to dump stagnant water, whether it's in a wheelbarrow, old tire or kiddie pool. Hundreds if not a thousand mosquitoes might be waiting to fly out of them.

The insects especially like dirty water, whether it

contains grass clippings or dirt. The young mosquitoes appear as 1/4-inch-long brown worms that wriggle vigorously. If the water is disturbed or a shadow passes over it, they'll wriggle to the bottom to hide. Best to change any standing water every three or four days, said MacGregor.

The mosquitoes born in containers are often the insects that carry West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). According to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the most likely time for mosquitoes to spread the

diseases is June through September. The department is reminding people to take necessary precautions.

EEE carries a high mortality rate for those who contract the serious encephalitis form of the illness. Symptoms, which usually occur four to 10 days after a person is bitten by an infected mosquito, may include high fever, severe headache, and sore throat. A stiff neck is also a symptom of the severe form of the disease, which can lead to seizures and coma, according to DHHS.

The risks of contracting WNV from an infected mosquito are low. Generally, only mild, flu-like, or no symptoms at all result.

In some cases, WNV can cause meningitis and can be a serious threat to seniors, young children, and those with compromised immune systems. Illness resulting from WNV usually presents itself within three to 15 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

The mosquito season

these days - it was shorter when MacGregor started her work more than three decades ago - will run until about Halloween. While some mosquitoes have just a single breeding cycle, others have multiple cycles.

Though Dragon employees regularly hear from residents that the mosquitoes are earlier or bigger this year than last, what is known is that there are more mosquitoes these days than there were 300 or 400 years ago. The insects have thrived along with humans. From roads through wet areas, to improperly sized or maintained culverts to more containers to catch rain water and more houses closer to wetlands, MacGregor said that to a certain extent, humans have created the problem they're now trying to fight.

Other suggestions to keep the threat down include shutting off porch lights. Light attracts mosquitoes and they're bound to get in when the door is opened. Also, make sure that screens

don't have holes.

To prevent being bitten by a mosquito, use an insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535, according to DHHS.

Garrett Simonson, the Greater Derry Regional Health Network coordinator, said DEET is the most effective repellent against mosquitoes. He reminded residents to check labels on products applied to children. For more information about selecting an appropriate repellent for a young child, contact the child's pediatrician.

Other suggestions include: limiting time spent outdoors when mosquitoes are most active - during the early morning and late evening hours - and wearing clothes that cover the skin, such as long sleeves and pants.

Residents who would like Dragon to check stagnant water on their property should call 734-4144 or email Info@DragonMosquito.com. The service is free.

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tery's rock wall after a vehicle plowed into it, but an insurance claim netted \$1,564 for that work that was not accounted for in the numbers the selectmen were reviewing.

The sum of \$616.69 also has come in as revenue from perpetual care that is not accounted for in that budget, and \$543.62 of that money has been spent, but still, said Sanborn, that's an extra \$73.

"We're being told we're operating in a deficit, but we're not," said Sanborn.

Though selectman Mike Weider argued the accounting practices of perpetual care in an effort to fully understand and properly track the money, the board eventually agreed with the trustees' explanation of the funds for which they are responsible.

"We have an accounting problem," said selectman Rich LeBlanc in the middle of a long discussion between Weider and the trustees. "Not necessarily a

problem with these guys."

Weider advised against the encumbrance, stating his concerns that the trustees were putting themselves into a difficult position in the coming year by immediately expending so much of their funding for the equipment.

Sanborn said it was the trustees' responsibility to value engineer their budget and he said they are capable stewards of those funds. He added that he thinks the trustees would be in a more difficult position without an adequate mower.

Landau again argued for the purchase, saying the mower was necessary to properly take care of cemetery land.

The new mower would replace a failing Craftsman mower on which the warranty has expired. The serious issues with the Craftsman - a failing transaxle - came up after budget time, said trustees, a point Landau backed up with selectmen meeting minutes. The old mower, Landau said, is not meant for the rough cemetery land and may still

get some life if reassigned to flatter, less rock and root strewn lawns.

Though Weider asserted that \$1,500 was spent on a failing mower, thereby questioning the wisdom of the move, Barnett explained that they spent only \$275 for the new transaxle and installation didn't cost anything.

The board agreed to encumber the funds and to look further into better accounting practices for cemetery funds, particularly the perpetual care money.

Landau, LeBlanc and Joseph Hagan voted for the move, while Weider voted against it.

LeBlanc concluded by stating that it would not be the selectmen's problem if the trustees went over budget in the upcoming year.

In other business at the June 21 meeting:

- Resident Leroy Scott asked the board to reassign their liaison positions, something they have not yet done since elections, primarily because all five of them have not been together in a meeting.

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Editorial

A Reason to Celebrate

July 4 comes in the middle of the week this year, but the day is sacred, not one that should be made into a Monday holiday to provide an excuse for a long weekend.

Without the events of that long ago summer day, we might well be subjects of Great Britain to this day, just getting through with honoring the Queen for her longevity.

Instead, the Declaration of Independence was finalized on July 4, 1776, and set the former British colonies on the path toward emergence as a nation.

So what should we be celebrating?

We think the Declaration of Independence is a document that should be read regularly, to remind us of who we are as a country, and to make sure we stay on the path set by those who fought to create a free nation.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Those are perhaps the document's most famous lines, but the list of injustices attributed to Great Britain makes for a good reminder of what our government should never become.

And it's particularly good reading during a time when political attacks

rise – or sink - to unpleasant levels in the throes of a Presidential election.

It's also a straightforward and simple document. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Those aren't qualities the rulers of every nation on Earth freely grant their citizens, especially based on the words "That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." That seems normal to us, but in many countries, it's only something to dream about.

It's a reminder as well to all Americans that our ancestors chose a form of government whose power comes from the consent of the governed. When we don't vote, we're shirking that responsibility, something people fought and died to attain.

National holidays have become times for public celebration and private parties. But marking the Fourth of July should be more than lighting the barbecue, getting out the sparklers, or heading to a fireworks display. Those activities are all part of the spirit of celebration, but add to that by spending some time to remember what this nation stands for.

Have a safe and celebratory Fourth of July. Our ancestors would want it to be that way.

Letters

Mothers' Club Thanks

To the Editor:

The Hampstead Mothers' Club would like to thank the following sponsors who generously donated to our recent Ice Cream Social on June 13. Many families turned out to enjoy

a delicious make-your-own sundae.

We can't thank enough the following: BeanTowne, Phillips Automotive, Petra Paving, Tuscany Oven, Hampstead Center Market, Casey's Diner, McDonald's, TD Bank, Hannaford's, Shaw's, Friendly's Restau-

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Lisa Gardiner, Publicist
On behalf of the
Hampstead Mothers' Club

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St. Anne's Food Pantry Needs Rise as Summer Begins

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Summer traditionally brings an increased need for items for the St. Anne Ecumenical Food Pantry, and this year is no exception. While holidays are always difficult, they come with increased contributions and help from schools and local organizations, but summer poses its own difficulties, with schools closed and no holidays to promote special collections.

As summer begins, Food Pantry Coordinator Fran Rosenau said that while donations are steady, many hours are still spent shopping in order to have the variety of foods she likes to provide. Toiletries, soap, body wash, toothpaste, and toothbrushes are always needed and must constantly be purchased in order to have enough for every family.

Rosenau said the Food Pantry is in need of jams and jelly for children's lunches, as well as soup – except tomato soup – and

cold cereals. She would also like donations of microwave popcorn and muffin mixes.

In summer, Rosenau also starts to collect items needed to fill backpacks that are distributed in August to be ready for the start of school. She is looking for backpacks without cartoon characters, and school supplies such as pens, pencils, colored pencils, rulers, erasers, and binders.

As of Sept. 1, 2006, residents of East Hampstead, Hampstead, Sandown, Atkinson, and Danville, as well as registered parishioners with Saint Anne Parish, participating sponsoring parishes or specifically referred to the St. Anne Ecumenical Food Pantry by pastoral leadership or social service agencies, are eligible for the Food Pantry. No particular religious affiliation is required, and efforts are made to direct families from ineligible communities to pantries in their area.

Clients are expected to complete an application, show proof of residence and

meet specified government income guidelines. Once registered at St. Anne's, clients may not attend other local pantries.

Clients may visit the pantry every other week. It is open Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. From 9 to 11 a.m., fellowship and coffee are available in the pantry waiting room.

Clothing needs may be met by shopping at the Hollyhock Thrift Shop, located downstairs in the Hampstead Public Library. The shop is open Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Food Pantry served an average of 125 families each month since January, an average of 296 individuals each month, an average of 49 persons over age 60, and an average of 90 persons under age 18. Rosenau said this year's numbers are running almost identical to those from the same time period last year.

For more information, contact Fran Rosenau by calling the church at 329-5886 or at home at 887-5131.

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Early Morning Truck Fire Threatened Hampstead Home

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – An early morning vehicle fire roused many households on narrow Timberlane Drive last week, destroying the truck and damaging the roadway and the electric wires.

George Gallo's truck was engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived, and all that remained when the flames were extinguished was metal.

According to both Hampstead Police Lt. John Frazier and Hampstead Fire Chief Michael Carrier, the fire was quickly brought under control, with the initial call coming in at 1:18 a.m. Thursday, June 21, and the under control issued at 1:48 a.m.

Frazier said the cause of the fire could have been an issue with the air conditioning unit in the truck, as it was reported to have been making strange noises before the fire. It was also

noted that the owner is a smoker, but according to the report and after speaking with Officer Leo Beauchamp, who responded to the call, Frazier said there was no evidence to suggest any criminal activity contributed to the fire.

Carrier said the damage was so extensive that no cause has been determined at this time. He said the call came in as a vehicle fire with exposure, as it was close to a house. The vehi-

cle was removed by the Police Department.

Gallo's mother, Natalie Gallo, a member of the School Board, said she was shaken by the fire and it was one of the worst nights of her life. Her husband is ill and on oxygen, and the fire was a potential threat.

"We were lucky that the intense fire caused the truck to shimmy out of the driveway partly onto the lawn and the street, melting the macadam and the overhead

wires," she said. "Otherwise our other cars could have been involved. It was awful. It was a huge fire, and with the explosions, we were just lucky it didn't catch the house on fire."

"I can't say enough good things about the response of the Fire Department and the Police," she added. "They were wonderful."

Gallo said she was waiting to hear from her son's insurer and that if a cause is found, the insurer would

bring in a forensic inspector. But, she added, she is aware that vehicles spontaneously catch fire.

Mechanics say there are many triggers in a car or truck that can cause a fire, such as gas or leaks from oil or brake lines. Ignition for a vehicle fire can come from electrical wiring short circuits. Most vehicle fires are contained either in the engine compartment or in the vehicle body, with a fire-wall separating the two areas.

Hampstead Library Expects to Have New Assistant Librarian Soon

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Hampstead Public Library Director Debra Hiatt informed

Students Win Book Award

Liam Sullivan of Chester, a student at Central Catholic High School; Benjamin Thomas of Hampstead and Jamie Metzger of Derry, both students at Pinkerton Academy; and Londonderry High School students Sydney Lagux and John Perry were awarded the 2012 Saint Michael's College Book Award for Academic Achievement with a Social Conscience.

The award recognizes students who demonstrate a commitment to leadership in volunteer service and academic achievement.

Award recipients, named at schools throughout the country, are high school juniors who are inductees of the National Honor Society or an equivalent school-sponsored honors organization. They must demonstrate a commitment to service activities in high school or community organizations, taking leadership roles in these activities.

Winners were presented the book "First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers" (HarperCollins 2000) by Loung Ung, a 1993 Saint Michael's College graduate.

the Library Trustees that interviews for the vacant Assistant Librarian position have been concluded, and she anticipated making an announcement soon as to the new hire.

At the Wednesday, June 20, Trustees meeting, Hiatt recommended and the Trustees approved hiring two new pages, Mary Lewis and Micaela Griffin. One page has already left and the other, Rachel Lanza, will be leaving for college in August, so the decision was made to hire the two pages at this time.

Lanza will be training the

new pages, who work 5 hours a week during the school year and 20 hours a week during the summer. With Lanza staying on for training purposes, one of the new pages will work 20 hours while the other will work only 5 hours this summer.

The pages' duties are primarily shelving books and keeping them in good order. With the Summer Reading Program in full swing, they also spend a lot of their time working with Children's Librarian Patty Falconer on children's activities.

In other business:

• Hiatt reported that a

first floor bathroom needed attention, but more expensive problems were the compressor for the air conditioning unit in the second floor office that houses the server, and the electronic person-counter at the front library door, both of which will have to be replaced. Hiatt told the Trustees the electronic eye replacement would run between \$375 and \$425 to replace, but the condenser would cost \$2,500, according to an estimate given to her by Cal's A/C and Heating Co., a company used by the library previously and among the

emergency companies to call. The work could be done this week, and as it is imperative the room where the server is housed be kept cool, it was decided to move forward on the estimate.

The Trustees voted to cover the cost of both items and asked Hiatt to make the arrangements to get them taken care of as quickly as possible.

Hiatt noted that the outside lighting for both the side of the building and the emergency lighting project are finished.

• The Trustees noted that work on the Meeting Room

Audio Visual project being handled by Red Thread Co. is moving forward and should be completed within days. The bulb replacement in the projector is easy, Hiatt said, and it is warranted to last an estimated 5,000 hours. The overall project cost \$10,218.96 to install and had been approved at the May 30 meeting.

• Although a Boy Scout had planned to paint the wall not involved in the Interactive Wall in the Children's Room, he will not be doing so, and the Trustees approved having the custodians paint the wall to complete that project.

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Candidate Pool 'Shallow' for Superintendent

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

School Administrative Unit (SAU) 55 board members weren't pleased to hear their New England School Development Council (NESDEC) superintendent search consultant, Ken DeBenedictis, tell them the search faces a "significant challenge."

That challenge has to do with the timing of the search, and DeBenedictis said bluntly, "It is late."

DeBenedictis said most superintendent candidates

have already signed contracts, adding, "We are very late and the pool is very shallow."

Despite that, he assured the board inquiries for the job were coming in, and he expects to have sufficient quality applicants to work with by the close of the application period on June 29. He declined, however, to answer a direct question on how many applications he has received.

Board member Greg Hoppa tried to elicit definitive information from DeBenedictis but he refused,

saying to give out that information prior to the closing date might discourage highly qualified candidates from applying. He added that he is still confident there will be a sufficient pool of highly qualified applicants to generate eight to 10 initial candidates selected by the Screening Committee by July 19 to be forwarded to the board. The board would then choose three to five of those candidates to invite for interviews between July 30 and Aug. 1. He reminded the board it must settle on a salary range for those inter-

views.

In other business at the Thursday, June 21, meeting:

- The Screening Committee for the superintendent's search has been set, as follows: Parents - Sherry Litch-Gray of Hampstead and Dennis Heffernan from Timberlane; SAU Board - Roger Barczak, Natalie Gallo, Judy Graham, Liz Kosta, and Nancy Steenson; Administration - Dillard Collins and Lori Collins from Hampstead, Nancy Barcelos and Rosalyn Moriarty from Timberlane; SAU Staff - Kathy Smith; and

teachers - Karen Moran of Hampstead and Susan Sherman of Timberlane.

DeBenedictis reviewed the lengthy Focus Group report compiled by Carolyn Burke, who conducted all seven of the focus groups. Together, they had 103 participants, and DeBenedictis said this was a representative number and he was satisfied with it.

The main issues identified dealt with leadership and community involvement, working relationships to address rebuilding morale, evaluation of facilities and their needs, re-evaluating the elimination of high school mid-term and final exams, and focusing on achieving academic excellence for all students.

The SAU 55 Board voted

to accept the report with minor amendments, and it will be published on the website at www.timberlane.net.

- The subcommittee working on the contract, Peter Bealo of Timberlane and Jaye Dimando of Hampstead, provided a spreadsheet to board members, but noted additional information had to be added. Information from at least eight other districts considered essentially comparable to SAU 55 was gathered on their superintendent contracts. This information will be used by the subcommittee to recommend for the full board's consideration the contract to be offered to the new superintendent, starting with a salary range for use with the candidates.

Crimes Continue in Wason Pond Area

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER - In the last couple of weeks, buildings at Wason Pond and the Transfer Station have been burglarized, and that has prompted increased patrols by the police department.

The issue started when the caretaker's cabin at Wason was broken into on May 17. Reported missing were numerous tools,

including a drill, circular saw, reciprocating saw, batteries, chargers, a hunting knife and flashlights. About the same time, the transfer station was broken into and copper piping and other metals were stolen.

Since then, the transfer station has seen 30 to 35 batteries stolen (the cores, according to police chief Bill Burke can fetch between \$4 and \$7 each), a television was taken from the

Wason Pond Community Center, a kayak was stolen from the shores of Wason Pond, and the current occupant of the caretaker's cabin chased someone away with a bat after the person entered the home uninvited.

While there are suspects the police department is investigating, the department is not certain if the break-ins are related and how entry is being gained.

The transfer station was not damaged when the batteries were taken. Burke said someone may have keys to one or more of the buildings but wasn't certain on that supposition.

There's a lot of activity at

Wason Pond these days, Burke added, especially with the recent hot weather. "There's a lot of people in and out of there, many of them who we don't recognize as townspeople, and it's a difficult area to patrol," said Burke.

Officers are doing routine drive-bys and performing surveillance on the area. They are also removing people from the relatively dark area on a nightly basis.

"It's an issue...It's not fair to those people who want to go down there and use it the right way," Burke said of the Wason Pond crimes.

OBITUARY

Edward F. Smith

Edward F. Smith, 73, of Sandown died June 22, 2012 at his home, surrounded by his family.

He was born Feb. 26, 1939 in Quincy, Mass.

He was raised by Eric and Molly Bell in Melrose, Mass., before moving to Lowell, Mass., and spent the last 33 years in Sandown.

He loved the lake, going boating, and trips to the Cape, especially to Truro, Mass. He had a passion for his work and loved finish carpentry and working in his workshop. He was very proud of the garage he built that housed his workshop.

He is survived by his companion of 33 years, Barbara Cameron of Sandown; four children, Lisa Conley and her husband, Don, of Pleasanton, Calif., Sharon Janda and her husband, John, of Lowell, Mass., Donna Couture and her husband, Dennis, of Nashua, and Michelle Echevarria and her husband, Jorge, of Salinas, Puerto Rico; his companion's three children, Richard Holzman of Windham, Karen DeVitto and her husband, John, of Atkinson, and James Holzman and his wife, Kathleen, of Derry; 21 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Roy Smith of Melrose, Mass., and one sister, Sandy Smith of Beverly, Mass.

There are no calling hours. Following cremation, a memorial service was held on Wednesday, June 27, at 11 a.m. in St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Route 121A (Main Street), Sandown. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, Mass. 01710, earmark for Pancreatic Cancer research. To send a condolence or for more information, visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Kirk Twins Recognized at Eagle Court of Honor

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER - Twin brothers John and James Kirk officially earned their Eagle Scout rank as family, friends and fellow scouts watched their Eagle Court of Honor, held last week on the shores of Wason Pond.

The journey the two soon-to-be college freshmen took to earn the rank was a long one, according to those who spoke during the ceremony, and was filled with laughs, lessons and a lot of hard work.

To qualify to begin work on the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts, a number of badges and ranks

and positions must have been held. And as part of the Kirks' involvement in Chester's Troop 163, much of that activity took place on hikes and camping trips and outdoor experiences.

Earning Eagle Scout entails a journey that emphasizes leadership, organizational and time management skills, a variety of skills learned through years of scouting. It has at its core an emphasis on aiding the community. Long hours of getting permission for the project, coordinating fundraising and labor, and presenting the final award to the New Hampshire Boy Scout Council are all required.

Both of the Kirks' projects benefited communities in different ways. James revamped the archery targets at Bear Brook State Park. Though originally planning to build and donate a prototype for a new archery target for the archery range at the park, he ended up building 15

new targets. James earned his first merit badge in archery and it has long been a favorite pastime for him. The estimated cost of the project was \$4,500.

John built 12 picnic tables for the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area. Those tables have already been in use numerous times and were utilized during the Court of Honor as well. He noticed the need for new tables during the Scouts' annual yard sale on the big field at the recreation area, and went to work building new ones.

Master of Ceremonies Steph Landau lauded the scouts' efforts, their projects' benefit to the community and how proud he was of both John and James. He said both Kirks gave him confidence in those who would be leading the country in the future.

"I can't thank you enough," said Landau.

Before they spoke about the joy of having both the Kirks in the troop, troop

leaders Todd Renaud and Ted Young jointly teased the brothers - James because he always seemed to lose his coveted Leatherman tool in the most difficult to find places, and John for his talkative nature and concern for safety during a trip to Tuckerman's Ravine on Mount Washington.

Bob Martel, scoutmaster for Candia's Troop 120, went with the brothers on a camping trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. He relayed stories of their time together, speaking of James' athletic ability and again teasing John about his talkativeness.

The two recently graduated seniors were awarded recognition from Pinkerton Academy Associate Dean of Students Elizabeth Rodrick, who said they were always pleasant, polite and good students. She added that when she spoke with them about their work, they each boasted not about themselves, but about each other.

Also speaking at the

event was State Rep. Gene Charron, R-Chester, who commended the young men for setting goals and accomplishing them. He noted that each Eagle Scout he meets gives him more confidence in the future.

In his own speech, John Kirk started by thanking his parents. He also thanked the many adult leaders who make the scouting program in Chester a success, and thanked fellow scouts.

He offered them words of advice through the lines of a favorite poem by Robert Burns, "To A Mouse, on Turning Her Up in Her Nest with the Plough." He urged them not to be like a mouse, only thinking about the present and things that directly affect them, but to be prepared to meet the future, and to make sure to find the humor in all situations.

James thanked his brother, noting that he was often his motivation to become an Eagle Scout, in part because of their com-

petitiveness. He thanked his parents for "kicking my butt" when needed and making him the person he is.

"I'm very lucky to have them as parents," said James.

James had words of praise for all of those people who have helped him along his way. "In one way or another, you've helped craft the story of my life and made me the person you see before you. Like a blacksmith in a forge, every swing of the hammer has a purpose," said James.

James also thanked his fellow scouts and urged them to go outside of their comfort zone and with a positive attitude, take on all life has to offer.

The two are heading off this fall in different directions, John to State University of New York Buffalo's Asian Studies program and James to Unity College in Maine for its Conservation Law Enforcement Program.

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ers, Deb Leondires and Martha Stockman.

Boy Scouts working to raise money for their Eagle Scout projects volunteered their time at the Jamboree to help oversee the games and bouncy house play.

Plans next year are to expand the event with more offerings.

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'We are a Family' – HMS Eighth Grade Graduation

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The members of the graduating Eighth Grade Class of 2012 believe in individuality but consider themselves a family, and those ideals drove how they treated each other and the class as a whole.

Their principal, Patti Grassbaugh, agreed in her remarks about the class at the Tuesday, June 19, ceremony, congratulating them on their caring attitude. Class president Jake Hudgins spoke about accepting individuality and added that Hampstead Middle School fosters this attitude. The class banner is a Friedrich Nietzsche quote and verbally paints the picture of the class: "You have your way. I

have my way. As for the right way, it does not exist..."

The 102 graduating eighth graders, wearing mortarboard caps that were enthusiastically tossed into the air when they were pronounced "graduated," received many accolades and awards. Amanda Thomas was given the Hampstead Middle School Leadership Award and Elizabeth Preble was given the Frankie Salafia Citizenship Award.

Three of Zachary McDonald's friends spoke of him and gave a yearbook to his parents. Zachary was killed in a dirt bike accident in Lisbon, NH in 2009. The boys who spoke, Christian Sullivan, Joey Dumais and Cameron Dery, remembered their friend and said they had "felt him beside them"

throughout their Middle School journey. They said Zach was greatly missed but would never be forgotten.

Hudgins in his speech talked about how the class reflected the attitude of "you are your own person" and said the entire class had become "friends – a family." He said he had two wishes he hoped his classmates would honor – first, never forget the sense of belonging and camaraderie the class had, and second, share with others the gifts Hampstead Middle School had given each of them.

Kristen Crowell, class treasurer, said the class gift of tables and umbrellas for the school's courtyard was given to encourage people to meet and bond there.

Amanda Thomas, another



Matt Wolenski, Jake Hudgins, Amanda Thomas and Kristen Crowell, the class officers of the Hampstead Middle School eighth grade graduating class, greeted guests and handed out programs at the June 19 ceremony.

Photo by Penny Williams

er class officer, encouraged her classmates to be happy with who they are, reflecting on the friendships and family that is the 2012 Eighth Grade Class.

Puggle Rescued from Swamp, Reunited with Family

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – Jean and John Hanley's puggle, Sadie, wandered away from their home on Fremont Road on Thursday, June 21. They searched for her, driving up

and down local roads, calling her and putting up missing dog posters, but for days she remained at large.

"Please help her get home," the poster read. "We miss her very much."

A puggle is a cross between a beagle and a pug.

Though Jean said she was doing her best to stay positive, the excessive heat, thunderstorms and time had her worried.

On Tuesday morning, June 26, however, they got lucky. Jean received a call from police chief Joe Gor-

don, who had read the missing dog poster during a rescue call to the post office that same morning, and told her the dog had been found.

Little Sadie was stuck in a swamp across the street on Glastonbury Drive. She was heard whimpering by Rob-

ert Stoddard, who was landscaping in the area. Stoddard called the police and the town went to work to get her out.

The fire department came down because Sadie was pretty far out in the muck, and volunteer firefighter and highway worker Mike Devine put on his waders and trudged out to get her.

Jean Hanley said she was astounded to get the call that Sadie had been found, and she and her husband headed out to pick her up.

"What a tough little thing," she said. "We're so thankful for everybody's help."

Hanley had a lot of praise for the dog's rescuers, saying Sandown has a good

group of people working for it.

"They always come together and are always willing to help," she said. "Even when they're waist deep in water."

Though thinner, 3-year-old Sadie is doing well. She was covered in ticks and mud, but some care and a bath fixed that.

The Hanleys also have a German shepherd named Arco, and Jean Hanley said Sadie couldn't wait to get out of the car to see him. She was spinning and whining when she was reunited with her canine friend, said Hanley.

"I'm sure she'll sleep for a while now," said Hanley on Tuesday.

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Hampstead Woman Honored as Saint Michael's Alumna of Year

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD — Saint Michael's College in Vermont has named Hampstead resident Barbara Cavallo Gallant as Alumna of the Year.

Gallant, a 1982 graduate, received the honor at the liberal arts Catholic college earlier this month.

She is a guidance counselor at Hampstead Central School, and was cited for her outstanding volunteer work for the college.

Gallant's service to Saint Michael's includes coordinating events for alumni and par-

ents in the Manchester area, organizing Saint Michael's community service projects at New Hampshire Fisher Cats baseball games and Manchester Monarchs hockey games, representing Saint Michael's at college fairs and high schools, and speaking to Saint Michael's students on a career panel in Boston.

Gallant served as vice president and president of the Saint Michael's College Alumni Association, and then served on the its Board of Trustees for 2006-2008. This year, she chaired her class's 30th reunion.

"Barbara rarely says no

when it comes to Saint Michael's, and for that we love her," said Angela Armour, Saint Michael's Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, at the awards ceremony.

Gallant was also cited for her work as a teacher of CCD and confirmation classes at her parish, and for serving as secretary of the Hampstead Youth Lacrosse league, and as a New Hampshire board member and fundraising chair for U.S. Lacrosse. She served as well as secretary for the Town of Hampstead's Ad-Hoc Committee for the Town Beach

Restoration Project. She is also the owner of Wild Flour Baking.

Gallant majored in sociology, and earned her master's degree in counseling from Rivier College in 1995. She and her husband, Rendle, live in Hampstead with their son, Josh.

"It has been an honor serving St. Mike's for the better part of 15 years," Gallant said. "They are a great institution that educates the whole person academically, spiritually and socially. They were wonderful to me when I was a student and continue to be an important part of my life. I appreciate being recognized and will continue to help them any way I can."



Barbara Gallant of Hampstead was named Alumna of the Year by Saint Michael's College in Vermont.

Courtesy photo



Local Pickers

Kamryn Berry, right, and Becky Furtado check out a mini foosball table at the annual Chester Boy Scout Yard Sale last weekend at Wason Pond. The popular yearly event has something for everyone, with thousands of items collected by local Boy Scouts for the local troop's biggest fund raiser of the year.

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Students Donate Hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Several Hampstead mothers and their children decided to participate in the Pantene Beautiful Lengths campaign this year, which saw elementary and middle school students gathering at Hampstead Central School just days before the end of the school year to donate their hair, so that wigs can be produced for women suffering from the ravages of cancer.

Beautiful Lengths is a partnership between Pantene and the American Cancer Society. The role of Pantene is to help women grow long, strong hair and provide the funds to turn the hair into free, real-hair wigs for women with cancer. So far, Pantene has donated 18,000 free real-hair wigs to

the American Cancer Society's wig banks, which distribute wigs to cancer patients across the country.

Michelle Packowski said she and her daughter decided that instead of acting alone, to make this a community affair, and with the help of the Hampstead Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), that is what they did. Packowski said both she and her daughter have donated hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths before, but when they told their friends about what they wanted to do, they were delighted with the enthusiastic response.

The minimum amount for a donation is 8 inches, and in at least one instance, as much as 12 inches was cut and donated. It takes about six average size pony-tails to make a single wig.

"We were pleased to have the participation of two salons and three hairdressers," Packowski said. The hairdressers were Brittany Lambert of Hampstead, owner and stylist at Hair on Broadway in Salem, and Kendra Runnals and Shannon Brouillard from Dot to Dot Doos Hair Salon in the Phanzone, Hampstead.

The young people who participated ranged in age from 4 to 12 years of age. The hair donors are: Sarah Cipriano, Ella Gordon, Peyton Knowlton, Karysa Lombard, Cori McMeniman, Kaileigh McMeniman, Abby Murphy, Izzy Murphy, Kristina Packowski, Amy Quigley, Maryann Quigley, Robin Quigley, and Courtnee Worthen.

Packowski said she hopes to make the donation an annual event.



The youngsters, ages 4 to 12, who took part in the Pantene Beautiful Lengths hair donation at Hampstead Central School to help make wigs for cancer patients include: Sarah Cipriano, Ella Gordon, Peyton Knowlton, Karysa Lombard, Cori McMeniman, Kaileigh McMeniman, Abby Murphy, Izzy Murphy, Kristina Packowski, Amy Quigley, Maryann Quigley, Robin Quigley, and Courtnee Worthen. With them are Brittany Lambert of Hampstead, Hair on Broadway, Salem, and Kendra Runnals and Shannon Brouillard, Dot to Dot Doos Hair Salon and Children Boutique, Hampstead.

Courtesy photo

School District Offers Full Slate of Summer Camps

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The Hampstead School District is offering a variety of summer camps in July. The first group runs from Monday, July 9, through Friday, July 13. A second batch of camps is scheduled for Monday, July 16, through Friday, July 20. Two final camps will be held from Monday, July 30, through Friday, Aug. 3.

Among the camps that will be held July 9-13 are the following:

- Movie Madness, for campers ages 7-11, with Katie Muskrat as instructor in Trailer 1 at Hampstead Middle School. The campers will use iPods and iPads to make movies. The camp is from noon to 2 p.m., and costs \$100.

- Science Detectives, for ages 10-14, taught by Lori Lyn Griffin in Trailer 1 at

HMS.

Campers will become part of a CSI (crime scene investigation) team that uses forensic science to process a mock crime scene and solve the case. The campers will then become part of a team that will show younger students, via the cable station, science experiments they can do at home. The camp will run from 9 to 11 a.m. and costs \$100.

- Let's Get Crafty, for

ages 7 through 11, led by Katie Muskrat in Trailer 1 at HMS. This camp will expose campers to a variety of crafts they can create with the use of their computer, including T-shirts, photo silhouette tiles and water bottle labels and stickers.

Campers will also create computer-generated bottle cap necklaces and a decoupage treasure box. The camp is from 3 to 5 p.m., and the cost is \$100.

Later camps include: Computers and Animation, iPod Adventures, Treasure

Hunters, In the Pit, Introduction to Robotics, and Quiet on the Set.

Registration is open for the camps. To register, parents may call Hampstead Middle School at 329-6743.

Reisdorf Challenges Rausch

KAITLYN G. WOODS
Tri-Town Times

Former Derry Town Councilor Chris Reisdorf, a Democrat, will square off against Republican incumbent Jim Rausch to represent District 19 in the New Hampshire Senate.

"For the past year and a half, I've watched as partisanship has been placed above good government and realistic solutions to our challenges," said Reisdorf,

who has lived in Derry with his wife, Grace, for 26 years.

In addition to serving as a Derry Town Councilor, Reisdorf, who was self-employed for 22 years, served on a Derry Charter Commission and acted as Clerk of the Works for several school building projects in town.

"Over the last few weeks, I've been approached by a number of people encouraging me to step forward and offer an alternative

for State Senate. I know it will be a tough campaign, but we cannot afford another two years of the same in Concord," he said.

District 19 includes Derry, Windham, and Hampstead.

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Precautions Urged Against Mosquito-Borne Illness

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HAMPSTEAD – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is reminding residents to take precautions against mosquito-borne diseases as the state heads into the months where risk of contracting viruses from mosquitos is highest.

Mosquitoes have been out since March, and the most likely time for them to spread diseases like Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV) is June through September.

EEE carries a high mortality rate for those who

contract the serious encephalitis form of the illness. Symptoms, which usually occur four to 10 days after a person is bitten by an infected mosquito, may include high fever, severe headache, and sore throat. A stiff neck is also a symptom of the severe form of the disease, which can lead to seizures and coma, according to DHHS.

The risks of contracting WNV from an infected mosquito are low. Generally, only mild, flu-like, or no symptoms at all result.

In some cases, WNV can cause meningitis and can be a serious threat to seniors, young children, and those with compromised immune

systems. Illness resulting from WNV usually presents itself within three to 15 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

To prevent the spread of EEE and WNV, crews from Dragon Mosquito began implementing Hampstead's mosquito control program on April 9 by checking swamps, marshes, woodland pools, ditches, storm drains and other shallow, stagnant water for mosquito larvae.

Dragon, if it finds mosquitoes, will employ insecticides. In the event Eastern Equine Encephalitis or West Nile Virus is found in or near Hampstead, emergency spraying may be conducted. Townspeople would be noti-

fied as to when and where the spraying would take place by the Town's Health Officer, Kris Emerson.

Emergency spraying would only be conducted at the following locations and only if absolutely necessary: Hampstead Middle and Central Schools, Depot Road Fields, Holiday Lane Fields, Woodland Pond Field and Meeting House Field.

Dragon will monitor the mosquito population in and around Hampstead and said it will only institute spraying if surveillance data, disease test results and weather conditions make it a priority. Dragon asks residents who do not want their wetlands treated to use the company's No-Spray Registry at www.DragonMosquito.com/No-Spray-Registry or write to Dragon Mosquito Control, P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885 and include name, address, phone number and a description of property with boundaries. Residents who want their stagnant water checked may call 734-4144 or e-mail info@DragonMosquito.com. This service is free.

Sarah MacGregor, principal at Dragon Mosquito, said the state begins testing on July 1 so there are no reports at this point in time. She said so far it appears the populations are normal.

She said the company in its contract towns is treating catch basins to control the population related to West Nile Virus, but some of these have tested positive for EEE in the past.

"It is hard to say what

we will be facing from here on out," she said. "We'll have a better idea of what's in store once we start trapping and testing. We have seen a huge increase in the annoying bugs this week."

In 2011, nine batches of mosquitoes tested positive for WNV and no samples tested positive for EEE. In 2010, one animal and one person tested positive for WNV and one animal tested positive for EEE, according to DHHS.

While the town is monitoring mosquito pools for disease, efforts to control the spread of WNV and EEE are most effective when they're collaborative with the public, according to Garrett Simonson, Greater Derry Regional Health Network Coordinator.

To prevent being bitten by a mosquito, use an insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535, according to DHHS.

Simonson said DEET is the most effective repellent

against mosquitoes. He reminded residents to check labels on products applied to children. For more information about selecting an appropriate repellent for a young child, contact the child's pediatrician.

Other suggestions include: limiting time spent outdoors when mosquitoes are most active - during the early morning and late evening hours - and wearing clothes that cover the skin, such as long sleeves and pants.

Residents can additionally help manage mosquito-borne diseases by eliminating any standing water on their property. Clogged gutters, buckets, wading pools, outdoor toys, and old tires all can be breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

Contact Dragon Mosquito for more information about treatment and spray dates, locations, materials used, precautions, or other concerns.

The state lab won't begin testing mosquitoes collected until July 1.

Dogs

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and make a final decision at that time.

• The board unanimously signed a Memorandum of Understanding making Hampstead a member of the Scenic By-Ways effort. Selectman Rick Hartung, Tina Harrington, Brian Vass and Rob Morris are Hampstead representatives to the effort.

• Pat Bracken, chairman of the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee, said no complaints were lodged at the committee's Informational Meeting held June 21, and only one resident attended. That resident favored the decisions that have been made to increase recycling and reduce trash.

However, a lengthy email complaint has been

received, stating that the 30-gallon trash barrel and the 15-gallon trash bag in the regulation are incorrect in terms of what can be purchased, and the writer considered the regulation "unreasonable." The email pointed out that a 32-gallon barrel is the closest size, as are 13- or 19-gallon bags.

Bracken said the 30-gallon figure was a target and if people had a 32-gallon barrel, that would be fine. He is awaiting word from Bestway Disposal, the trash vendor, on the barrel and bag size. Bracken said he responded to the email.

• Police Chief Joe Beau-doin advised the board that Officer Joe Touma has left the department for a job with the Salem Police Department. He requested permission to advertise for the open full-time certified

Police Officer position to replace Touma. He asked that the advertisement include a request for part-time officers as well. The board authorized the advertisement.

• Road Agent Jon Worthen told the board he and the Highway Safety and Street Light Committee are trying to determine which, if any, street lights in town can safely be turned off to save money. He said Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) is implementing a plan that involves high pressure sodium street lights only, and Hampstead has only a few of those. However, he said it would pay to begin switching the town's mercury vapor lights to high pressure sodium bulbs, and was looking into whether it could be done and what it would cost.

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CHESTER

American Girl Party

An American Girl Party takes place at the Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., on Thursday, June 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. American Girl fans ages 6 to 12 are invited to attend this party, hosted by Mrs. Raven. R.S.V.P. is required by Friday, June 22, by calling 887-3404 or registering in person at the library.

Challenger Soccer camp

The Chester Soccer Club is hosting Challenger Sports soccer camp Aug. 6-10 at the Chester town soccer field. Any child ages 4-15 from any town can sign up for one of three sessions that week: Full Day, ages 8-15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Half Day, ages 6-15, 9 a.m. to noon; and Mini-soccer, ages 4-6, 1 to 2:30 p.m. For the registration link visit www.chesternhsoccer.com/.

Challenger Goalie camp:

Challenger's Southern New Hampshire Goalie Camp will be held at the Chester town soccer field Aug 6-10. Any child ages 7-15 from any town is welcome to sign up for one of two sessions: for ages 7 to 10, 4 to 6 p.m., and for ages 10 to 14, 6 to 8 p.m. For the registration link, visit <http://www.chesternhsoccer.com/>.

PJs Storytimes

PJs Storytimes at the Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., takes place Thursdays, June 28, July 5, July 19, Aug. 2, and Aug. 9, all at 7 p.m. For more information, call the library at 887-3404.

Arts Contest

Chester Public Library holds a Visual/Literary Arts Contest for ages 8 to 15 in the following categories: drawing, photography, and poetry. Entries must be received by Friday, Aug. 3. The Contest Awards Ceremony will be held Thursday, Aug. 16, during the Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact

the library at 887-3404.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at Fellowship Bible Church, 48 Rod & Gun Club Road, with the theme "Jesus Is the Treasure," takes place July 9 through 13 from 9 a.m. to noon. The program is for ages 4 through kids finishing sixth grade. A closing carnival for the whole family takes place the evening of July 13. For more information, call 887-2599.

Farmers' Market, Car Night

Chester Congregational & Baptist Church, 4 Chester St., will host a Farmers' Market on the following Thursdays - July 19 and Aug. 16 - from 5 to 8 p.m. (rain dates are July 26 and Aug. 23). The dates coincide with Chester's Cruisin' Car Night, which takes place directly across the street from the church and offers classic cars, food, ice cream, raffles and music. For more information, call the church office at 887-4799 or email chesterchurchoffice@gsinet.net. The Chester Historical Society will be open the same nights as the Farmers Markets and car shows, and the antique mail wagon will be on display outdoors. Scarecrows can be picked up at this time.

Storytimes

The Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., offers free Storytimes with stories and crafts every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. with Mrs. Emily. For more information, call 887-3404.

Preschool Lottery

The Chester School District offers a multi-aged preschool program for the 2012-2013 school year, with programming to typically developing students at a tuition rate. The program begins Sept. 4 and ends on the last day of school, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Students who are 3 or 4 years of age by Sept. 30, 2012 are eligible. For typically developing students, two options are offered - Tuesdays through Thursdays for \$2,100, and Tuesdays through Fridays

for \$2,800. The district has a lottery for the eligible spots and expects to have four slots for 3-year-olds and four for 4-year-olds. To be part of the lottery, contact the school at 887-3621, ext. 146 with name, child's name and date of birth, and preference for three or four days. Lottery deadline is June 29.

Co-ed Volleyball

Chester Recreation is offering free adult co-ed pickup volleyball on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at the Chester Multi-purpose room. Call the Recreation Department for more information at 887-5773 or e-mail: sharon@chesternhrec.org

Scarecrow Pick Up

The Scarecrows of Chester have arrived at the Historical Society Museum. They have been cut out by Sylvia Anderson; painted by Jackie Brown, Judy Pepper and Alexandra Hadik; sewn and ironed by Diane Methot; turned inside out by Jean Methot and have had their bodies made by Don Brown. Pick up starts when the museum is open on the second Saturday of July and August from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. September will be the month to construct the characters to be on display by Oct. 1. If the pickup time is not convenient, call Jackie Brown at 887-3842 to arrange a time or to order for 2013. This is a fund raiser for the Chester Historical Society.

HAMPSTEAD

Independence Day Festival

The Hampstead Independence Day Festival takes place Saturday, June 30, with a rain date of Sunday, July 1, on the Town Green. Kids' games, carnival booths, fireworks and food are featured. The Civic Club Scholarship Award winners and the new Miss Hampstead are announced, and a DJ will entertain from 5 p.m. until the 9:30 p.m. fireworks. The frog jumping contest is at 3 p.m., children's games at 4 p.m., midway games at 5 p.m., singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" at 6:30 p.m., scholarship awards at



Cancer Walk

Chris Kuhl, right, of Hampstead plays the ukulele in a grass skirt, as he walks with Micheal Kiley and Taylor Sargent during the "Trick of Treat" portion of the Relay for Life walk at Pinkerton Academy on Friday night through Saturday morning. A total of 150 cancer survivors, 890 individual participants, and 77 teams walked to raise money and awareness for programs that support cancer patients and cancer research at the annual event. Walkers in this year's Relay for Life turned out in force, raising \$187,000 for the American Cancer Society, with more expected to come in.

Photo by Chris Paul

6:45 p.m., and Miss Hampstead contest at 7 p.m.

Ring in Independence Day

On July 3 at about 11:45 p.m., residents are invited to gather at the Old Meeting House on Emerson Avenue to ring the Paul Revere Jr. Bell to usher in Independence Day. Work is ongoing to ready the bell to be rung at midnight.

Summer Concerts

Hampstead Meeting House Park's 2012 free Summer Concert Series take place Tuesdays at 6 p.m., rain or shine. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and picnic. The schedule is: Tuesday, July 3, Merrimack Valley Community Band; Tuesday, July 10, Banjo Dan & The Midnight Plowboys; Tuesday, July 31, Rico Barr Swing Band; Tuesday, Aug. 7, Don Campbell; Tuesday, Aug. 14, 6 p.m. Southern Rail; and Tuesday, Aug. 21, The 60's Invasion Band.

Holiday Closure

The Hampstead Public Library's hours for the July 4 holiday week are as follows: open regular hours Monday and Tuesday, July 2 and 3, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; closed Wednesday, July 4, and open regular hours for the remainder of the week. For details, visit: www.HampsteadLibrary.org

Library Movie

On Wednesday, July 11, at 7 p.m., the Hampstead Public Library will show the second movie in its Film Noir Festival, "The Big Sleep." Popcorn will be provided.

Sleep Program

Sleep will be the topic of a program offered Tuesday, July 17, at 7 p.m. at the Hampstead Public Library. Speaker is John Murray, coordinator of the Sleep Technology Program at Northern Essex Community College. He will provide an overview of sleep issues, their causes and treatments, as well as suggestions. The program is sponsored by the Northern Essex Speakers' Bureau.

Aliens

The Hampstead Public Library offers a children's program on aliens on Monday, July 2, at 2 p.m., with stories and a craft for an alien mask, a flying saucer, and glow-in-the-dark slime.

'Hunger Games'

On Thursday, July 5, at 6 p.m., the Hampstead Public Library has a "Hunger Games" event for kids entering grades 5 through 8 in the fall. Participate in this survival of the fittest challenge.

Pillowcase Decorations

On Wednesday, July 11, at 4 p.m., the Hampstead Public Library presents a craft for middle school aged kids - decorating pillowcases. The library will supply the materials. Sign up in advance at the library's front desk, call 329-6411, or email pfalconer@hampstead.lib.nh.us.

Music Performance

On Thursday, July 11, at 2 p.m., the Hampstead Public Library welcomes singer/songwriter Judy Pancoast.

Senior Trip

The Hampstead Seniors are planning a trip to Lobster in the Rough on Wednesday, July 25, with a side trip to York Beach, Maine. The meal includes a choice of lobster or chicken. The bus leaves at 9 a.m. from the St. Anne's parking lot and returns at 5 p.m. Sign-up is Wednesday, July 11, between 9 and 10 a.m. at the Meeting House on Emerson Avenue. Age restriction is 62 years old or older. Cost of the trip is \$27 per Hampstead resident, \$32 per non-resident. Payment is due at sign-up. Hampstead seniors receive first choice; all others are placed on a waiting list. Proof of residence is required. For more information, call Cleta Barry at 329-

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Computer Tutor

The Hampstead Public Library is looking for a high school student with a background in computers and technology who would like to earn community service hours by helping adults with computer-related issues. The position of com-

puter tutor is non-paid. For more information, contact library director Debra Hiatt at 329-6411.

Art Exhibit

The June art display in the Hampstead Public Library's second floor meeting room is "Ancient Visions, New Canvases," oil paintings by George Chen.

Thrift Shop

The Hollyhock Thrift

Shop's half-price sale of spring clothing is June 30. The shop, located at the Hampstead Public Library, will then be closed for restocking until Tuesday, July 10. The Hollyhock Thrift Shop has been the primary fund raising vehicle for the Friends of the Library since its inception. The money raised provides items for the library. Many of the computers, CDs, DVDs, museum passes and the

automated electronic defibrillator have been funded by the Friends of the Library.

Magic Performance

On Thursday, June 28, at 10:30 a.m., the Hampstead Public Library takes the Summer Reading Program to Hampstead Central School with a performance by magician Norman Ng. The Hampstead Recreation Department helped with sponsorship of this event.

Book, Video Sale

A Used Book, Record and Video Sale will be held rain or shine Monday, June 25, through Friday, June 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at East Hampstead Union Church, 225 East Main St. (Route 121A), just south of Route 111. Paperback books, children's books and music cassettes are 50 cents each or 12 for \$5; hardcover books, VHS tapes, records and

books on cassette are \$1 each or six for \$5; and DVDs are \$1 each. The church is an interdenominational Christian fellowship serving the community since 1897, and proceeds benefit the Operating Fund. For more information, call 378-0683.

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www.hampsteadcivicclub.com by clicking on Fall Soccer to be redirected to the registration website. Registration deadline is midnight Saturday, June 30. The program is open to Hampstead residents between the ages of 4 and 17 as of Sept. 30, 2012. Cost is \$40 for U6 and U8, \$50 for U10 and up, with a \$10 discount for three or more children. For questions, email: Hampstead-CivicSoccer@comcast.net.

Golf Tourney

The Hampstead Civic Club Golf Tournament takes place Friday, Aug. 10, at Windham Country Club, with registration from 6 to 7 a.m., and a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start, with scramble format. The entry fee of \$125 per player includes greens fees, cart, and post-golf dinner. Visit www.Hampstead-CivicClub.com for registration. Call Ken Fure at 339-1116 with questions.

Summerfest Crafters

Crafters and artists are sought for the St. Anne Summerfest, to be held Saturday, July 28, on the Hampstead Town Green. Booths will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Other activities planned for the day include a road race, vintage car show, games for all ages, food and bake sales, bounce tent, obstacle course, live entertainment, silent auction, and raffles. Spaces are 10-by-10-feet (no chairs or tables provided) and cost \$40 for an uncovered space and \$50 for a covered space. More information and an application are at www.saintannechurchnh.org (click on "Summerfest" at the top, then "Craft and Art Booths"), or contact Claire Manes at 642-3250 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Red Sox Tickets

Hampstead's Baseball and Softball Association is selling raffle tickets at one for \$10 or three for \$20 for four tickets to the Red Sox vs. Yankees game July 8 in section 165 row MM. The winner will be picked at the end of the association's season. Contact Mike Fairbank at mpmbfairbank@msn.com

or 617-462-6827 for tickets. All proceeds from the raffle will go to the improvements at the fields and a new scoreboard at Holiday Lane.

SANDOWN

Adult Summer Reading

The Sandown Public Library offers an adult Summer Reading Program for ages 18 and above. The program, "Between the Covers," is a contest between men and women to see who reads the most pages. For every Sandown library book read, adults may also enter their name into raffles for gift certificates for free dinner and lunch at The Quill Restaurant at Southern New Hampshire University.

Story Hours

Story Hour for children with Miss Jenn at the Sandown Public Library takes place in two sessions Tuesday, July 3, at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

No-Sew Pillows, Movie

On Thursday, July 5, at 1 p.m. at the Sandown Public Library, Miss Jen will explain how to make a fleece pillow without having to sew. The program is for ages 8 and up. After the project, stay to watch the PG-rated movie "Bedtime Stories," snuggled up on your handmade pillow.

Weekly Raffle

The Sandown Public Library offers a weekly raffle for six graders and up, with the winners announced every Saturday between noon and 1 p.m. Enter the raffle for each read book being returned. The drawing on July 7 will be for a Memories Ice Cream gift card.

Holiday Closure

The Sandown Public Library will be closed Wednesday, July 4, for Independence Day.

Lions' Flea Market

The Sandown Lions' 18th annual Yard Sale/Flea Market is June 30, rain or shine, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sandown Town Hall. A portion of the proceeds will be used for a scholarship to be awarded to a

graduating senior from Sandown and/or Danville for the 2012-2013 school year. Clothes, toys, electronics, appliances, furniture, household items, and sporting goods, are featured.

Explorer Open House

The Police and Fire/Rescue Explorer Posts will hold an open house at the fire/police station on July 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to talk with persons interested in the groups. Both Explorer Posts are always looking for new members. The Explorer Program is a way to learn about careers in a hands-on way, and police officers and firefighter/EMTs laud it as a way to secure a foot in the door of a department. The program is open to all area residents aged 14 to 20.

REGIONAL

Tennis Challenge

Best Buddies New Hampshire Tennis Challenge, a tennis tournament in the tradition of the retired Dana Ball Tournament, will be held at Pinkerton Academy July 26-29. All proceeds benefit Best Buddies NH. Featured events include men's singles and doubles, women's doubles, mixed doubles and junior singles. A free retro racket rally, raffles, food and an adaptive tennis clinic for intellectually disabled youth and their families are also planned. For more information and registration, visit www.bestbuddiesnhennis.com or e-mail jane83@comcast.net.

Ladies Self-Protection

Tim Barchard's Professional Martial Arts Academy sponsors a ladies self-protection course at no charge on Thursday, July 26, from 8 to 8:45 p.m. at the Academy, 15 East Broadway, Derry. The seminar will equip ladies with basic street protection, regardless of athletic ability. Situational awareness, street wise precautions, the human's physical weak spot, releasing yourself from an attacker's grasp and blocking and striking techniques will be taught. Call 434-7995 to reserve a spot.



MEMORIAL BENCH A stone bench has been placed in the Hampstead Public Library's Storybook Garden in memory of a longtime supporter of the library, Thelma Martin. Inscribed on the bench is "In Loving Memory of Thelma Martin." The bench was the gift of the Friends of Hampstead Public Library, the Hampstead Garden Club and family members. The Garden Club located the bench and had it inscribed, and then the Hampstead Building and Grounds personnel took over, cutting a spot next to the fence, placing the bench and putting white stones around it. On hand to dedicate the bench were two of Martin's nephews, Chuck and Bill Collins, Cindy Lanouette from the Garden Club and Hampstead Public Library Director Deb Hiatt. Bill and Chuck Collins said that Martin had been an avid reader who loved the library.

Photo by Penny Williams

Youth Media Camp

The Community Alliance for Teen Safety (CATS), in partnership with Derry Community Television, offers a free summer media camp for youth July 30 through Aug. 3 at the Derry CTV studio in the Derry Municipal Center, 14 Manning St., for students entering grades 7 through 11 in Derry, Chester or Hampstead. Pre-registration is required by visiting www.catsnh.org or calling CATS at 434-5251. Students will learn television audio, lighting, hosting, cameras, producing, directing, and graphic design and editing. The camp will conclude with a full-scale TV production and a presentation and reception for parents Friday evening, Aug. 3. Lunch is provided free on full instruction days.

Summer Fun Runs

The Greater Derry Track Club's summer fun runs, offered in conjunction with the Derry Parks & Recreation Department, this year is at Londonderry High School on Tuesday evenings through Aug. 7, with registration at 6 p.m. and races at 6:30 p.m. The races are for ages 2 and up, and children will receive participation rib-

bons each week. In lieu of a registration fee, participants are asked to donate a non-perishable food item every week. For more information, call the Derry Parks & Recreation Department at 432-6136, Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Christian Healing

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